

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please delete paragraph [105] and replace with the following paragraph (See Exhibit 1 for marked up version of the Amended Abstract):

Aspects of the invention provide a system and method for communicating in a hybrid wired/wireless local area network. A method for communicating in a hybrid wired/wireless local area network may include sending a first messaging protocol message between a first switch and a first access point, and/or the first switch and a second switch. In response to the first messaging protocol message, receiving at least a second messaging protocol message from the first access point, the first switch, and/or the second switch. The first, second, and a third messaging protocol message may be used to control the first switch, the second switch, a first access point, a second access point, and one or more access devices.